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### **DPS AND DOT WORK TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON I-20**

MONTGOMERY – Col. W.M. Coppage, Department of Public Safety director, said Alabama's state troopers support recent efforts by the Alabama Department of Transportation to enhance the Interstate 20 Corridor Project and further improve traffic safety in the area sometimes referred to as "Death Valley."

To encourage motorists to drive safely, the Department of Transportation last week lowered the speed limit from 70 to 60 miles per hour on a nine-mile section of I-20 near Pell City. DOT also set a 55 mile-per-hour limit in the construction zone from Moody to the nine-mile stretch, and message signs and radar speed detectors were posted in these areas.

Coppage said troopers would strictly enforce the new speed limits during routine and extra-duty patrols connected with the project. He said the intensive enforcement effort and DOT's efforts to improve the roadway and post signs to encourage safe driving would further the project's goal of reducing traffic crashes and the resulting deaths, injuries and property loss.

The I-20 Corridor Project is made possible by a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation that funds extra-duty patrols on I-20 in Jefferson and St. Clair counties. Initiated in January 2002, the project was renewed in 2003 and included additional funding to extend the project east to the Georgia line.

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